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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is no point in issuing instructions to the Collector. The Government have to allot money and I have already stated that it is the policy of the Government to take the State as a whole.

Damages due to heavy rains in Mannargudi and Tiruturaipundi taluks

* 2515 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places where breaches occurred on account of the heavy rains on 20th October 1954 at Mannargudi and Tiruturaipundi taluks;

(*b*) how many villages have been affected by the flood;

(*c*) the extent of lands on which crops had been grown, that were submerged;

(*d*) whether the Government have given relief to the people affected by the flood; and

(*e*) if so, the amount spent on relief measures?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

(*b*) Sixteen villages in Mannargudi taluk and 71 villages in Tiruturaipundi taluk.

(*c*) About 1,000 acres in Mannargudi taluk and 16,379·24 acres in Tiruturaipundi taluk were affected.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 9,709 has been allotted for disbursement to those who lost their huts. In addition to this, sarees, dhoties, shirtings, towels, costing Rs. 3,500 and 18½ bags of rice were distributed to the distressed people. Rs. 10,000 have been provided for the grant of loan to the mirasdars under the Agricultural Loan Act.

Mid-day meals in Harijan Welfare schools

* 2516 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the circumstances under which the contractors supplying mid-day meals in the Harijan Welfare Schools in the districts can be changed or whether they can be changed according to the will and pleasure of the respective District Harijan Welfare Officers? 11-40 a.m.

[a] **Printed as Appendix IV on pages 447–448 infra.**